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Depressed Classes

Moir Hostel for Adi-Dravida boys at Chidambaram.

*171 Q.—Swami A. S. SAHAJANANDAM: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) when the Moir Hostel for Adi-Dravida boys attached to the Nandanar School at Chidambaram was founded and what is the progress made in its strength;

(b) whether the annual audit reports made by the Local Fund Examiner of Accounts are found satisfactory;

(c) whether the reports made by the Labour Commissioner about its management are found to be satisfactory;

(d) whether it is supplying the real and pressing need of poor and destitute Adi-Dravida boys unable to attend school for want of feeding in their houses;

(e) whether any, and if so, how many applications for admission into the hostel were rejected for want of accommodation;

(f) whether it is a fact that funds are being raised and spent by the Nandanar Kalvikazhagam towards the maintenance of the hostel besides the grant made by the Government; and

(g) whether the acquisition of the Nandanar school site is completed; if not, how long it will take for the Government to acquire the site now selected?

A.—(a), (e) & (f) The Government have no definite information.

(b) In his Audit Report for 1928–29, the Examiner, Local Fund Accounts, stated that the accounts of the institute did not call for any comment.

(c) No special reports are made by the Labour Commissioner.

(d) The Government indicate their opinion of the usefulness of the hostel by making a grant to it.

(g) No. The notification for the acquisition of the site was published in the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated 6th January 1931, and acquisition proceedings will now be taken.

Mr. M. DEVADASAN:—"In view of the fact that something like 300 applications for admission appear to have been rejected for want of accommodation, will the Government be pleased to call for the information asked for in clauses (a), (e) and (f)?"

The hon. the PRESIDENT:—"That is a suggestion for action and not a supplementary question."

Medical Registration Act

Removal of the names of certain medical practitioners from the Medical Register.

*172 Q.—Mr. A. B. SHETTY: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state whether any appeals and if so, how many have been received by the Government from medical practitioners who have been removed from the Medical Register on the ground that they were in some way co-operating with the practitioners of Indian Systems of Medicine?

A.—One appeal was received in 1915.

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Mr. A. B. SHETTY:—" May I know how many names of allopathic medical practitioners have so far been removed from the Medical Register on the ground that they were in some way co-operating with the practitioners of Indian Systems of Medicine ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—" I have no information. I should like to have notice."

Rao Bahadur C. NATESA MUDALIYAR:—" Will the Government be pleased to introduce an amending Bill to the existing Act which will prohibit the allopathic doctors from co-operating with the practitioners of Indian Systems of Medicine in view of the fact that many allopathic doctors are employed in the Indian School of Medicine and are assisting the practitioners of Indian Systems of Medicine ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—" It is open to the hon. Member himself to bring in such a Bill."

Diwan Bahadur R. N. AROGYASWAMI MUDALIYAR:—" Is it a fact that many allopathic doctors are employed in the Indian School of Medicine and they are co-operating with doctors practising the Indian system and that therefore their names are liable to be removed from the Medical Register ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—" I shall enquire into the matter."

Motor Vehicles Act

Amendment to rule 19-A of the Madras Motor Vehicles Rules.

*173 Q.—Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government propose to make any amendment to rule 19-A of the Madras Motor Vehicles Rules under section 11 of the Indian Motor Vehicles Act, 1914;

(b) if so, whether the draft amendment was published, and in what newspapers and journals of the Presidency, and when ;

(c) whether copies of the draft amendment were affixed to any public places, and if so, where and when ;

(d) whether any copies of the draft amendment were sent to the Motor Bus Owners Association and the Madras Motor Drivers Association and the South Indian Motor Union in the city of Madras for their opinion ; and if not, why not ;

(e) whether the opinions or suggestions of any association or individuals on the draft amendment have been received and whether copies of the same will be placed on the table of the House ; and

(f) if so, what action the Government have taken on the opinions and the suggestions received ?

A.—(a) The question is under the consideration of Government.

(b) to (f) Do not arise.